in Court.

## THE DISSATISFIED HEIRS.

Norwithseanding too frequent protests to the contrary recently made, the probabilities are in lavor of a contest over the late Commodore Vanderbilt's will When that celebrated instrument was opened and published, much astonishment was expressed in social ad legal circles concerning the peculiar and, seemthe largest ever devised in America. The grand legacy, amounting to about \$100,000,000 value, was virtually hold in its integrity, and reposed in the ands of the devisee's eldest son, William H. Vanderbill. The other members of the family, and the ommodore's direct progeny, who are quite numerous, received various sums, aggregating the rather insignificant sum of \$5,000,000.
Shortly after the publication of the will rumors were rite that Cornelius, the Commodore's son, intended to contest the will, but as the parties in interest refused to say anything on the subject or else dismissed it as untrue the reports gradually faded from the public and. The intense interest felt by the people in the ontical crisis precluded the interesting prospect of a The immediate cause of this return of interest is he nearness of the date fixed for the return of the citation issued by the Surrogate on the 5th of January This long delay in the return was necessary on account of the absence in Europe of Mrs. Horace F. Clark and Mrs. Lafitte, two of the Commodore's daughters, citation is returnable at ten A. M. on Tuesday morning next, and as that time approaches the interest in the case grows stronger every hour. The original reports of a contest which were gradually silenced by the reticence of the parties now appear to have been true. It is a fact that as early as two hours after the tament was opened the discontented heirs were in consultation with lawyers advising as to the best method of securing a more equitable division of the estate. The heirs of the great railroad king were quite as ignorant of what provision had been made for them ctore the will was formally opened as the outside

THE COMMODORE'S PECULIARITIES.

as ignorant of what provision had been made for them before the will was formally opened as the outside public.

The Commodore was a peculiar max in his domestic relations, and it is known that he only received certain portions of his family. Others of his own fish and blood were as much altenated from his society as strangers, as he retused to see or converse with them. This well known peculiarity, coupled with the unmistakable blas displayed in the will, forms one of the thief and important objections of the contestants. Their relations with the Commedore were motified through an agent, and no one but that agent and the Commodore knew what was said of them or about them. Whatever was said must not have impressed the old genieman very favorably, else he would have displayed his good will in more pronounced terms in his last testament. From those hints it will be learned that "undue influence" is to be the cnief argument in favor of the contestants, and so much can be said on both sides of that question that it is probable—if matters are not amicably arranged before Tuesday morning—the case will rival in bulk and duration the famous Parish will case. There is a prospect, however, that Mr. William H. Vanderbilt may recognize the claims of his brothers and sisters and prevent a litigation that will be at once vexations and expensive. Then the influence of a litigation might prejudice in the market the interests of which the estate is so largely comprised. While the bopes of an arrangement are entertained the comtestants are preparing to go into court should it fail of fulfilment. Papors are now being prepared to present to the Surrogate in the event of a failure of the expected compromise.

An interview with MR. Ethan Allen was of the course of the contestants, at Hexatio reporter announced his business and Mr. Allen, smiling, turned the sheet of legal cap on which he was writing and pointed to the heading thereon. It was addressed to the Surrogate's Court and was the document spoken of above. He was just about p says he has heard that Mr. David Dudley read and Judge Jere Black have been also retained counsel for the contestants, but he has not yet seen or conferred with them. Mr. Allen is strong in the belief that Mr. William H. Vanderbilt will not allow a contest to be had over his lather's will, and that he will make some satisfactory arrangement with the cheirs.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ESTATE.

The following table copied from the records of the Surrogate's Court, shows the distribution of the

property:-	
Mrs Frank A Vanderbilt, U. S. bonds \$	500,000
Aire house and lot at No. 10 Washington	
place with furniture, pictures, &c. also,	
place, with furniture, pictures, &c. also, New York Central and Hudson River Rail-	
road shares (2,000)	200,000
Mrs. Phebe Jane Cross	500,000
Mrs. Emily A. Thorn	500,000
	500,000
	500,000
	500,000
	400,000
Mrs. Eliza Osgood, income ol	300,000
	500,000
	200,000
Phebe Vanderbilt, per annum, for life	1,200
Phebe Ann Blake, per annum for life	300
Rebecca Little and daughter, per annum, for	
life	200
Jacob H. Vanderbilt	50,000
Annie Root	20,000
Cornelius V. De Forest	10,000
Phobe Ann Dustan	5,000
Mrs. Sophie White	5,000
Charlotte Haskell	5.000
Phebe Ann Dustan's three daughters, each	5,000
Charles Simonson	10,000
Dr. Jared Linsly.	10,000
Captaro James Braisted	4.000
Lambert Wardell, "an old and faithful clerk"	20,000
William K. Thorn, Jr.	25,000
Samuel Patter Hand "son of Ohadrah A	Section Decision
Samuel Patten Hand, "son of Obadiah, a brother of my mother"	5,000
Charles F. Deems	20,000
Maria Lecher, wife of General Gordon Granger.	10,000
Mr. Samuel Barton	
Mr. Samuel Barton. William H. Vanderbilt, all the rest, residue	and re-
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In the codicil the Commodore added 2,000 shares of
New York Central and Hudson River Railroad stock to
the \$500,000 given in the will, so his wife, and made
the following additional bequests:—
Cornelius Vanderfolt, Jr., son of William H.
Vanderbitt, Harlen shares. \$22,306
Also New York Central and Hudson River Rail-

derbilt, New York Central and Hudson River
Railroad shares. 20,000
Frederick W. Vanderbilt, son of William H.
Vanderbilt (when of age), New York Central
and Hudson River Railroad shares. 20,000
George Vanderbilt, son of William H. Vanderbilt (when of age), New York Central and
Hudson River Railroad shares. 20,000
CONSELIES J. VANDERBILT INTERVIEWED.
A HERALD reporter called upon Mr. Cornelius J.
Vanderbilt yeaterday, when the following conversation
enged:

Associated. Mr. Vanderbilt. I wish to interview you regard to the will of your father, the late Commo-ore Vanderbilt. May I ask you a few questions? Mr. Vasukumilt.—It depends entirely upon what our questions are. REPORTES-I want to know whether you really in-

Henet to contest the Commodora's will?

Mr. Vanusanthr—I have not yet fully determined on my course of action in the matter, which will greatly depend on circumstances.

Reporter—I notice in a report of a morning paper that a Mr. Terry is spoken of as exercising considerable influence on you in contesting the will. How is

that?

Mr. Vanderbill.—Mr. Terry has not influenced me in the shipitest degree. The newspapers are laboring under a misapprehension in regard to my relations with this gentleman. He is my friend and hothing more. I shall exercise my own judgment as to the course I shall pursue in this matter. I believe that hitgation ought to be avoided it possible, and I sin therefore disposed to do my part is trying to arrange matters amicably if I am not incined to submit to be fitted unless after a lair hearing of the case the law of this country shall so declare; but I am, perhaps, going too far. This might be constitued into a threat when it is not so intended. I will add, however, by way of explanation that I have great hopes that my brother may on reflection see that it will be to our mutual interest to try and arrange the matter amicably and without contest. If the matter comes to a contest you may be sure that I will have the aid of the ablest counsel.

Reporter—Do you think that any of the other heirs will act with you in the event of a contest?

Mr. Vanderbill—Undoubtedly they will, but how

many I cannot say. They must speak for themselves.

The reporter syked a few additional questions with a view of getting something more specific, but Mr. Vanderbilt seemed to retain a lively recollection of some of his lather's maxims on the subject and power of science and said he would prefer not to go more particularly into the matter at present, and that he desired to avoid personalities and saying anything that might be calculated to burt the feelings of any of his immediate relatives unless he was inevitably pressed to do so. In fact, he was disposed to be entirely conciliatory.

### ART MATTERS.

THE FAULENER WATER COLOR COLLECTION. paintings seen of late in this city is now on exhibition at Miner's Art Gallery in Broadway. The greatest number of these works are from the easel of Mr. John Faulkner, R. H. A., who was elected academician in piace of the lamented Danby, as his most worthly successor. There is a freedom and facility in this artist's painting quite bewildering. His land-scapes are full of freshness and sunshine, and his marines are as saline and breezy as the most devoted old sait could desire. Mr. Falkner resided for some years in America, and many of his pictures represent scenes in the rural his of the United States. The greater part of his subjects, however, are drawn from the British isles. The Scottish and Irish coasts and the Channel islands have been laid under contribution for bold and pleasant scenes, which the artist has reproduced with force and fidelity. There is an originality about these works quite refreshing. The collection will remain on public exhibition until February 26, when it will be disposed of by auction. It will well repay a visit.

PICTURE SALE. At the sale of foreign and American pictures at Schenck's gallery yesterday the following prices were the best attained :- "The Prisoner's Wife," D. Induno, \$105; "The Mountain Road," A. Stover, \$105; "Forag ing," Winslow Homer, \$255; "Carnival in Madrid, Lizcano, \$115; "The Mountain Stream," W. L. Sonn-tag. \$115, "Feeding the Pets," Edmond André, \$120; tag. \$115. "Feeding the Pets," Edmond André, \$120;
"Scene at Dashville." David Johnson, \$110; "The
Passing Shower," Kruseman Van Elten, \$115; "Winter on the Boulevard des Italiens," Hugo sampson,
\$155, "Moonight," Ed. Moran, \$75.50; "The Pet's
Breakfins," Damachreeder, \$142.50; "Watching the
Moon Rise," Wordsworth Thompson, \$158.50; "It is
All Fun," Jean Guinea, \$160, "The Blind Musician,"
S. Heymens, \$170, "Forest Scene," Van Hoorde and
Van Swerdorick, \$210; "The Card Players," Casimir
Lemaire, \$240, "Sunday Attensoon," Frans DeWilde,
\$212; "Landscape," Frans Le Bret, \$242.50; "The
Priferari," Damschroeder, \$245; "The Hunter's Story,"
Adolf Eberle, \$255. A number of pictures were passed
for want of a bid.

### YACHTING IN WINTER.

THE SCHOONER WANDERER'S BUN FROM BEAU-FORT TO CHARLESTON-ROUGH EXPERIENCE WITH A CYCLONE.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 19, 1877. The schooner yacht Wanderer, Vice Commodore Stillman, N.Y.Y.C., now on a cruise in Southern waters, arrived here from Beautort, N. C., on the 17th inst. The run was not without incident, and for a time the yacht was visited with a repetition of the terrible shaking up she received off Cape hatteras. Experiences of this sort are not kindly relished by yachtsmen on a pleasure cruise, and so, perhaps, it is fortunate that Commodore Stillman and his guests ourneyed from Beautort to this city by rail. In the

fortunate that Commodore Stillman and his guests journeyed from Beaufort to this city by rail. In the Wanderer's run from Fortress Monroe to Beaufort the gale through which she passed without parting a rope yarn or losing anything from the decks, demonstrated to all on board her seaworthy qualities, and so those in command never felt the least alarm in the more recent blow, though the hours of howling wind, ugly cross seas and the hard work incident thereto were far from being relianed. During the cyclone which the yacht ran into and hung about her for a long time a sea was shipped that did considerable damage, making matters look decidedly uppleasant for a while, though not extremely dangerous. The following is a copy of the yacht's log during the run from Beaufort:—

February 16 commences with light winds from the N. E., barometer failing; at 7:30 A. M. got under way, bound for Charleston, S. C.; at 9 A. M. crossed Beaufort bar, Fort Macon bearing N. ½ E., clistant three miles, from which departure is taken. At 1 o'clock P. M. iat. 34 19 N., lon. 76 57 W., ran into a cyclone, wind changing suddenly to S. S. E., with violent squalls, raining in torrents and an ugly cross sea; housed the topmasts, double rected the foresail, took the bounes off the jib and forestaysail, and set the storm trysail; barometer falling rapidly; at 1:45 P. M. snipped a sea which stove our cutter, broke the cranes, tore away the rail, carried away outrigger to jibboom, and did other damage. At 4P. M., wind suddenly changed to N. W., and was squally during most of the night, the latter portion with fresh gales and clearing weather.

Feb. 17 commenced with strong gales and clear weather; at 2 P. M., Cape Roman bore N. N. W., distant 12 miles; at 5 A. M. crossed the bar, and dropped anchor in Charleston harbor at 9:45 A. M. nauical time.

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# ICE YACHT RACE.

A special despatch from New Hamburg to the Eagle says the race of the New Hamburg Association ice yachts to-day, for the Kidd challenge pennant, re-suited in a victory for the Zephyr, she making the race (fifteen miles) in seventeen minutes.

# BASEBALL CONVENTION.

FORMATION OF A NEW ORGANIZATION UNDER HIGHLY AUSPICIOUS CONDITIO ELECTED AND RULES ADOPTED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.] Pirrsnung, Pa., Feb. 21, 1877. The International Baseball Convention to-day selected the following officers:-President, W. A. Cummings, Lynn, Mass.; Vice-President, H. Gorman, London, Canada; Secretary and Treasurer, J. A .Will iams, Columbus, Ohio; Judiciary Committe, H. D. McKnight, Pittsburg; L. C. Waite, St. Louis; N. P. Pond, Rochester, N. Y.; A. B. Rankin, Brooklyn, and George Sieeman, of Gueiph, Canada. The next meeting of the International League will be held on the 3d of February, 1878, at the Palmer House,

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The next meeting of the International League will be held on the 3d of February, 1878, at the Falmer House, Chicago.

The association adopted the constitution and bylaws of the league, with a few minor alterations, the latter having reference to the selection of umpires and scoring of games. The dead bail of Mannis was selected. An entrance fee of \$10 was fixed upon and \$15 additional for clubs competing for the championship. The price of admission to games was fixed at twenty-five cents, which may be increased in contests with League nines at the option of the clubs playing. It was agreed that the visiting club should receive half of the gross receipts whenever they shall exceed \$75, and should the gate money fail to reach this figure the resident organization shall make up the deficiency. This will prevent any club from leaving a city afoot, and is considered a wise provision. The League Alliance agreement, with the exception of article 8, was also adopted.

The Convention was very harmonious, and the delegates in attendance are highly elated over the success

gates in attendance are highly olated over the success attenting the formation of the new organization, which starts out with a strong representation and sub-stantial evidences of prosperity.

# PIGEON SHOOTING.

An important pigeon shoot will come off at the New Hunting Park, Philadelphia, to-day. It is open to the world, \$1,500 in five prizes being hung up. The conditions are \$50 entrance, flity birds each and Rhode Island rules to govern.

# ATHLETIC ENTERTAINMENT.

The athletes of this vicinity will fittingly observe Washington's Birthday by giving an entertainment at Central Park Garden. There will be performances, both this alternoon and evening, and the programme includes events that promise to be exceedingly interesting. A handsome silver cup, valued at \$100, is open esting. A handsome silver cup, valued at \$100, is open to competition by all heavy weight boxers, and among the entries are Professor William Millor and Johnny Dwyer, who are certain to measure strength and skill. Graco-Koman wresting, in costume, for a purse of \$100, best three talls in five, is also announced, by William J. Austin, champion light weight wrestler of America, and Jacques de Lion, of Paris. Then there will be club swinging, cannon ball performance, fencing and various other sports by professionals that will prove very attractive.

# AMERICAN PHILOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the American Philological Society took place at Cooper Union last evening. Mr. Charles Sotheran lectured on "The Recent Verification of the Akkadian and Earliest Semitic Traditions." The gentleman began by saying that the most ancient and shattered pages of tradition are dear to us. The new

## WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

dinner to-day at Schedler's Hotel, High Sridge Mr. Snephord F. Knapp will preside and speeches will be made by Messrs J. E. Develin, Ethan Allen. H. B. Perkins and Colonel Granville P. Howes. The affair promises to be a very brilliant one and worthy of the

occasion and the projectors.

The natal day of George Washington will be duly observed in Brooklyn. The courts will be closed and the public school children will be given a holiday.

The principal stores throughout the city will also observe the occasion by keeping their shutters up. A grand concert will be given at the Brooklyn Tabernacie this evening.

Sparkling Water Division of the Sons of Temperance will give a musical and literary entertainment at Stella Hail, Bedford agenue. Rev. James Odeli will deliver a lecture there.

A reception will be held at the Brooklyn Orphan Asylum during the day and evening, to which the benevolent are invited.

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The Washington Association of the birthday of "The Father of his Country" by a ball at the Apolic Rooms. Fifth street, last high. Early this morning the usual patriotte addresses were made and the "Puture of the Republic" drank in flowing bumpers. Alderman Mark Rearden is president of the association, which is com-posed of old volunteer firemen.

#### THE MARTHA WASHINGTON RE-CEPTION.

The principal event of the celebration of Washington's Birthday will be the Martha Washington recep-tion and garden party, which will be held at the Academy of Music and Nilsson Hall. The preparations are on a very extensive scale. Nilsson Hall has been transformed into a flower garden of the most attrac. tive kind. Arbors, bowers and groves have been so artistically arranged that it is difficult, on entering the eyes of the visitor is not real. The flags of all nations are gracefully intertwined, and in each arbor will be a number of ladies dressed in the costumes of will be a number of ladies dressed in the costumes of the nation which it represents. The demand for tickets is so great that there will be little standing room, even, left for late comers. The saie of boxes has been unprecedented. Very few are left for those who apply at the box office to-day.

One of the most striking features is the unique ar-rangement of the gypsy camp, in which some of our leading society belies will tell the fortunes of young gentlemen who may partonize them. In the expecta-tion of considerable paironage the fair gypsies have been in long and anxious consultation with certain astrologers who are on intimate relations with the stars.

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All the dignitaries that the metropolis contains at the present time have signified their intention of being present, and letters of acceptance have been received from many leading celebrities in Washington. The Committee of Arrangements and the managers of St. John's Guild have worked long and fastifully to make this charitable event a grana success, and the indications are that their work will not be in vain. The assemblage will be cosmopolitan in costume. Every nation will be represented in its appropriate dress, from the fur clad Esquimau to the profusely bedecked Indian princess of the territory of the Amazon, from the quaintity attired market woman of the Scheidt to the gorgeous looking rajin of the Ganges. Thus the reception, will possess all the attractions of a ball masque without any of the objectionable features of the latter, while the toilets will be or an unusual scale of magnificence. The garden party will, however, be the chief centre of attraction. All the proceeds will go foward the comfort of the poor and the homeless, and many a heart will be cheered, many a shivering form will be clad and many a hungry one will be releved long after the brilliant pageant at the Academy and Nilsson Hail will have faded and its splendors will have departed.

### LET THE EAGLE SCREAM.

of the United States in 1845, John Lorrimer Graham was Postmaster of this city. The sid church on Nassau street was ordered to be fitted up for a Post Office, and the cost of the alteration, although but very little altering was done, cost the government \$82,300. Among the ornaments for this new office was a monster earle carved of wood, and for which an item of \$500 was inserted in the general bill of expenses. Mr. St. George, the Auditor of the Post Office Department, thought that even for the bird of freedom this sum was too nigh, and refused to sanction its payment. Granam, however, went before Congress, and by an enactment Mr. St. George was buill-dozed into lightdating the bill. The eagle has kept vigit at the old Post Office ever since, and last year, when Mr. James moved to the present building, this noble representative of American liberty was carefully removed, and up to within a month past lay dormant in dust and dirt, and was a very shabby bird indeed.

The painter of the Post Office was finally ordered by the Postmaster to invost the eagle with new golden plumage and to paint the shield grasped in its thions the brightest red, white and blue imaginable, so as to look presentable. This has been done, and yesterday the newly-fledged eagle, which is really an oroalment, was mounted on a pedestal attached to the centre column north, on the main floor, overlooking the army of clerks doing duty there. It must be added that the cost of rejuvenating this bird is borne by the subscriptions of the Postmaster and his superintendents. \$500 was inserted in the general bill of expenses. Mr.

# ALEXIS AND CONSTANTINE.

DUKES-PHOTOGRAPHS AND PEDESTRIANISM. The Grand Dukes had their photographs taken yesterday in several different attitudes and styles. Their partaking of a light morning meal, they sauntered down Broadway to Mora's gallery, whore they had an appointment with the photographer. The Grand proper meters with the pastegraphs. The Grand In one instance his likeness was taken while he held his now famous pet bull terrier in his lap. The dog bore out all previous complimentary remarks concerning his sagacity, by remaining quiet enough during the operation of the camera to allow an excellent likeness to be taken. The be taken to-day.

Before leaving the establishment the imperial party visited the various departments therein, and seemed much interested in the manner in which it was

visited the various departments exercise worked.

On leaving Mora's their Highnesses took a turn down Broadway, and then returned to the Clarendon and breakfasted. The Grand Dukes made one of their extended tours of the city during the alternoon, being out nearly three hours. They are by no means slothful waikers, and in the time mentioned covered a vastly greater amount of ground than any ordinary pair of pedestrians would in the same time.

Mr. Lloyd Aspinwall dined with them, and the dinner party did not break up until about nine o'clock. Soon after, the Grand Dukes went out together for more exercise.

Mr. Algernon S. Sullivan, chairman of the Reception Committee of the Martha Washington Reception and Tea Party, called at the hotel during the evening, and sent to their Highnesses, through Baron Schilling, a request to be on hand at the reception this evening promptly at the hour of its opening, haif-past hine, as some of the most interexting ceremonies of the entertainment will be performed at that time.

# THE ODD FELLOWS.

The Grand Encampment of the Order of Odd Fellows of the State of New York held the second and concluding day of their session yesterday at Odd Fellows' Hall, at the corner of Grand and Centre streets assembling at nine A. M. and adjourning at half-past The most of the day was occupied in debating on the proposed amendments to the constituton and bylaws of the Grand Encampment and the constitution of the subordinate encampments. This being the first meeting of the Grand Encampments. This being the first meeting of the Grand Encampment as a representative body in Lagrangian to the first meeting of the Grand Fancian properties of the rules, in order to accommosate it to the new order of things. The meeting was, as the day before, secret; but sufficient of public interest was gleaned. The following standing committees were appointed by the Grand Fatriarch:—On petitions, on legislation, on the state of the Order, on finance, on correspondence, on appeals and on laws of subordinates.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold the next annual session of the Grand Encampment at Utica, in February, 1878. A per capita tax of fifteen cents per member was on recommendation of the Finance Committee ordered, to be assessed on all the members of the subordinate cheampments. A vote of thanks was passed by the visiting members to the New York delegation for the entertainment afforded them on both days of the session. tion and bylaws of the Grand Encampment and the

York delegation for the entertainment and on both days of the session.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the various District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, after which the Encampment adjourned until the next annual session.

# THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Consolidation Coal Company was held yesterday afternoon at the central other of the company, No. 71 Broadway. The election for officers resulted in the selection of Mr. Charles F Mayer for President and the following Board Mayer for President and the following Board of Directors;—William Whitewright, George B, Warcer, Jr.; D. W. Bishop, Galloway Chester, William F. Rurns, Robert Garrett, William Frick, William Donnell, John Gregg and D. H. Miller. The annual report was by he means a very encouraging one, showing a considerable decrease in the business and operations of the company for the year 1876 as compared with 1875. The decrease in gross

### WAGNER.

PREPARATIONS AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE GREAT MUSI-CIAN'S WORKS ON A GRAND SCALE-BAI-REUTH TO BE RIVALLED.

Preparations are now being pushed rapidly forward at the Academy of Music for the inauguration of a grand season of Wagner opera. It is proposed to present at least four of this composer's best operas in the chronological order in which they were written, and in this way afford the public an opportunity of learning by what steps Wagner advanced from the old Italian school of music to his present position as a revolutionist in operatic music. Nothing will be left undone to make these operas as effective as possible, and to this end the very best available talent has been engaged to take part either as members of the orchestra or chorus. The orchestra is to be composed of sixty first class musicians, and a numerous and well trained chorus has also been obtained, and under the skilful direction of Mr. Neuendorff the music of the great German composer will be presented with a completeness and intelligence of rendition never before witnessed to New York.

WAGNER'S METHOD.

For the first time an American audience will be afforded an opportunity of judging the peculiar merita of Wagner's operas, which are unique in their method. Those operas are based on two factors, one vocal and the other instrumental-one being as essential and necessary as the other. It is a kind of dislogue carried on between orchestra and voice, and if one fails to ex-

Each instrument is used as a human voice and has its independent part-not being used merely as an accompanying instrument as in the Italian school An instrument is therefore as essential as a singer. Yeswhose enterprise we are indebted for the forthcoming German opera. The abandonment of the proposed repetition of "The Ring of the Nibelungs" at Baircuth on account of Wagner's ill health, will allow the New York public to witness this masterpiece before either the public of Germany, France or England. It is curious that "Lohengrin" was also produced by Mr. Neuen-

account of Wagner's libeauth, will show the New York public to witness this masterpiece before either the public of Germany, France or England. It is curious that "Lohengria" was also produced by Mr. Neuendorff before the public of London or Paris had an opportunity of witnessing its performance.

Mr. Freyer received the disalab reporter courteously, and in reply to a question as to how be came to undertake the projected season of Wagner opers, said—"The ions was drie suggested to me at fairenth by some New Yorkers who have the alternative by some New Yorkers who is the some of the series of the series of series of the series of series of the series of the series of series of

ble, the effects produced at Barreuth.
IN DARKNESS.
"During the performance of the different acts the "During the performance of the different acts the auditorium will be darkened, light being jurnished to the musicians by a simple contrivance of shaded lampa. By this arrangement the stage will stand out boidly, like a bright picture, and attention will be riveted on what is transpring on the stage. In the theatre at Baireuth, so dark was the auditorium one could scarcely recognize his neighbor, and in this way the attention of the audience was secured for the performers. When the not was over the light was turned up, and then every one folk as if liberty had been given to him to converse, and immediately criticism of the act went on vigorously among the audience."

"HE MUSICIANS.

"Are you satisfied that the musicians you have engaged will be equal to an effective rendering of Wagner's works?"

"My opinion about the orchestra is that it is the best that can be obtained in America, and will compare invorably with any orchestra in Europe. The chorus also is the good German opera chorus, made up of singers who have sung in 'Lohengrin,' The Flying Dutchman' and 'Tanuhauser' already in this country and in Germany."

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will be entirely new for "The Walküre," and will represent accurately the scenes as presented at Baireuth. Models and photographs of the originals were brought here by Mr. Neuendorff.

The costumes will also be entirely new, and every effort will be made to present all the operas with the greatest completeness. The season will open on the 12th of March with "The Flying Dutchman." "Tannhauser," "Lonengrin" and "The Walküre" will afterward be presented in the order in which they were written. In this way the public will be able to see how Wagner advanced in his theory of music. In the "Flying Dutchman" he commences to develop this theory, proceeding a step further in "Tannhäuser," advancing in "Lonengria" and culminating in "The Walküre."

# MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

"Malchus," the new American oratorio, will be given at Chickering Hall on Friday evening by the New York Choral Union, assisted by several eminent vocal artists and a grand orchestra under the baton of P. S. Gilmore.

Miss Fanny Marsh has become directress of the Portland Theatre, and is playing a spectacular piece called "Magnolia," a Southern sensation, Signora Julia Mario, wife of Mr. J. B. Polk, the actor.

made a successful debut at Malta recently in the opera "Traviata." Afternoon performances will be given at all the

theatres to-day.

Mr. John McCullough is in the city. The pupils of Eastman's College, accompanied by the Mayor of Poughkeepsie, will visit Booth's Theatre this

### LITERARY CHIT-CHAT. Mr. Longfellow contributes five sonnets to the March

newspaper literary criticism. Mr. Nadal understands his subject, as it is one in which he has had considerable experience. The literary and musical reviews in this number of the Atlantic are as vigorous as usual. The April Atlantic will contain a poem by Mr. E. C. edman; "Creole Lover's Song," set to music by Mr. Dudley Buck for baritons or contraito. Mrs. Kemble's "Old Woman's Gossip" will be finished in this number. We are sorry to say, as will also Mr. Howell's comedy, "Out of the Question."

Mrs. S. M. B. Platt contributes one of her characteristic poems to the Marca number of App'eton's Journal, cailed "In Weariness." It is as dainty as it is

The Galaxy for March contains a story called "Assja," by that prince of modern story writers, Ivan Tourgueness, and a poem to Beethoven by Sidney

Lanter, besides other good things.

T. B. Peterson has in press for early publication member of the Washington Euchre Club. Can it be by the same author as "Rules for Playing Draw Poker?"

### WHIPPED BY JUSTICE

THE RIVAL THESPIANS-THE AMARANTE AS-SAILANT SEVERELT PUNISHED—SIXTY DAYS IN THE PENITENTIARY-THE CASE TO BE SEVIEWED-A WRIT OF HABRAS CORPUS

If the muses that have special charge of the drams had held court yesterday in the room occupied by Police Justice Walsh, of Brooklyn, there could not have been present a larger gathering of their votaries. Votaries they were, too, of no common order. Their devotion has no mercenary tains, the prosate bread and butter of which the professional worshippers make some account do not enter into their calculations, and their their lessure bours is of a refined and elegant texture. ple in their way, but, on this occasion, of decidedly partisan leanings, and as bitterly opposed as if they were chiefly concerned in some dividing question of church polity. They sat to the right and to the left of the court room, after the fashion in which we are assured the great human race will be set apart on the ultimate day of the world's existence, but

succeeded in restoring camer temper and chiarged forbearance. Having failed to procure delay General Cathn, with a determination to fight every inch of ground for his client, labored to procure a mitigation of the punishment. What the secret was that led to the assault His Honor, he said, did not know and he had no right to state, and then he went on to say that only for Mr. Clark's cowardly performance the public would not have known anything of the matter at all. Mr. Walker, he said, was not the first man in the community who had made a mistake; he was not the first man in the country that had committed an indiscreet and improper act; he was not the first man who had struck a man—all of which exemption from singularity was generally acquiesced in by the other side. There was never, argued counsel, such a case on record where the accused was incarcerated, or at least where he was not allowed an opportunity to escape by paying a fine. He, therefore, asked his hoot to impose a fine in this case, and not to disgrace the defendant by sending him to the Pententiary or County Jail. Mr. Sheil's reply was very brief. He argued that the defendant's respectability was no excuse for his crime, and represented that the offence, having been committed at a public place and at a charitable entertainment, was not only an outrage on Mr. Clark, but an outrage on the public.

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Justice Walsh, in passing sentence, said that refined and educated people should know the laws of the land better than those who were ignorant, and should be held to a stricter accountability, and it caught breaking them should be punished more severely. A fine of \$50 would be all he could inflict in this case, and the imposition of such a fine on Mr. Walker would not, he thought, be sufficient punishment. He proposed to put a stop, so har as lay in his power, to such offences as that to which Mr. Walker had pleaded guilty, and in this instance he would commit the defendant to the Pentientiary of Kings county for sixty days.

Notice was given by General Cathin that he would appeal from this decision and apply for a writ of certificart to take the case before the next term of the Court of Sessions. Pending such proceedings counsel desired that Mr. Walker might be bailed, and Justice Waish said that he would require sureties in the sum of \$1,000. Sheriff Daggett said he would be responsible for the appearance of the prisoner, who was allowed to leave the court in his custody. Subsequently a commitment was made out, and Walker was taken to the Pentientiary.

Eater in the day Mr. James W. Ridgway appeared before Justice Gilbert and obtained a writ of habeas corpus, to produce Mr. Walker before him to morrow morning at ten ecolock. The application was based on an administ setting forth that the petitioner had not been allowed twenty-four hours to elect whether he would be tried by a jury or by a justice sitting in a police court, and that it was not his intention to be tried by the latter. It also represented that he was not guity of the offence charged.

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### IMPORTANT ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE HEALTH BOARD.

The Brooklyn Board of Health has reported through its Secretary, Mr. La Fetra, that during the past week 80 inspections and reinspections had been made and 72 complaints, in 17 of which magistrates had suspended sentence; 23 ship permits had been issued and 350 butcher shops and slaughter houses inspected. The following statement respecting cases of contagious diseases was also reported for the weeks ending:—

### STILL A MYSTERY.

THE CAUSE OF KATIE RIEDEL'S DEATH STELL UNENOWN-INQUEST TO BE CONCLUDED TO-

The father of the girl Katle Riedel, who was found dead under such mysterious circumstances in the field at Staten Island, did not arrive tast night in time to attend the inquest, which was proceeded with. In or-der to hear his testimony as to the manner in which his daughter left home and how she became a protegie parts of husband, brother, stepfather and simple friend, the Coroner decided to continue the investigation at ten o'clock this morning, in the Village Hall at New Brighton, when the old man will be present. He ar-Boston, and proceeded to Staten Island at once under the guidance of an officer detailed for that purpose, Nothing tending to criminate Weispiel was elicited last night, and, although he was again placed on the stand and cross-examined at length, he did not contradict himself in any important particular. When asked by Coroner Dempsey why he had, according to his own testimony, given money to the dead girl to pay her tourd at a time when his children were being

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off the boat, walked from the lerryhouse up Arretia street to Central avenue, and thence slong the terrace home; in Central avenue, near where the body was found, he meta tall, stout man; the man were a brown coat, black trousers, a slouch hat, and carried a stick; the companion of witness saw the face of the man as they passed him; they continued along the road and the atranger followed to New Brighton so closely that he could hear the young men's conversation; they looked back at him several times, but he turned his head away as if to avoid recognition; witness had seen Welspie, and he was not the man.

Wilham S. White, a gardener, aged eighteen, who accompanied Vandam on his walk from the boat, could add nothing to the statement of his companion.

# THE HERTFELDER INQUEST.

The inquest into the case of Fred Hertfelder, who on the 10th inst., was commenced by Coroner Nolan last evening in the Fifth District court room, corner of Bushwick avenue and Stagg street. The young men who were arrested as the companions of the murdered and the murderer on the night of the affray, were the and the murderer on the night of the allray, were the only witnesses examined, and the cool manner in which they told the story, as heretofore published in the fight. And, caused more than one shudder to pass through the hearers, for none of the youins were quite eighteen years of age. Lawrence Ryan swore that he took part in the fight that immediately preceded the murder, and that after the deceased had been taken away in the ambulance he and his companion. Fred. Bremer, went to a hop and danced the right out. John Somerindyke, William St. Anna and Joseph Vanderpool swore that they saw the whole aftair, and then after a visit to the hospital went home to bed. Robert Carr, the comrade of the murderer, gave a succinct account of the aftair up to the stabbing, which he says he did not see; told how the murderer came up to his home an hour later and caused him up from bed to tell the story, and then concluded with a history of the purchase of the knives. He said that Abberoty or Abernathy was a tramp in summer and lived on his mother in winter, but that he associated with him because he, witness, had no one eise to hang out with. At the conclusion of his testimory Carr was recommitted to jail and the others were released on \$1,000 bail to appear before the Stath inst.

# THE SEA CLIFF SCANDAL.

Judge Stewart, as counsel for De Puy, in the case of The People against De Puy, moved before Judge Pratt on Monday, at the adjourned term of the Queens County Court of Oyer and Terminer, to quash the indictment against his client, which charges him with having attempted to levy blackmail from Mr. Pyatt. This is a part and parcet of the celebrated Sea Cliff scandal, out of which a number of civil buits have also arisen. De Puy was indicted on Pyatt's evidence, the principal allegation being that he wrote Pyatt a letter, in which he indirectly threatened to expose his (Pyatt's) alleged improper intimacy with a Mrs. Viles, living in the neighborhood, if he (De Puy) was not paid to keep quiet. The letter purports to have been written by a private detective. De Puy denies having written it, though having a knowledge of the sileged improper intimacy, and in his answer to the complaint expresses the belief that it was written by a young man who is engaged to Mr. Pyatt's daughter. The ground of the application for quashing was that the allegations of the indictment were not in accordance with the charge. etment against his client, which charges him with

# BUNDLES IN RAILROAD CARS.

An ordinance was yesterday presented in the Board by Alderman Morris, at the solicitation of Mr. Henry Bergh, which provides that "henceforth it shall not be lawful to allow within or upon any railroad car, omnibus or other vehicles used for carrying passenomnibus or other vehicles used for carrying passengers cisewhere than upon the platform and top of same, any bundle, basket of soiled or other materials, beds, bedclothes, parcels of merchandise, baggage, paints, oils, groceries, marketing, or any other substance whatever." The ordinance makes exception in the carrying of "clean, inoderous parcels, not exceeding one square foot in volume, to be borne in all cases upon the lap of the person having the same in charge." The penalties asked for by Mr. Bergh from conductors and drivers consist in a nine not less than \$5 on each offence, or one day's impresonment in the City Prison for each dollar of line so imposed, or both, at the discretion of the magistrate. The ordinance was referred to the Railroad committee for consideration.